

To Advertisers & the Public.

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning (except on Sundays and public holidays) at 10 o'clock, at the Office of Publication, No. 10, Market Street, at the rate of 25 cents per week, in advance.

THE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, published every Tuesday, will be mailed or sent to the residence of the subscriber, ready for mailing, at 25 cents per week, payable in advance.

JOB PRINTING.
THE BRITISH COLONIST has received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful jobbing type, will execute orders to any extent with a rapidity and despatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

THE POST OFFICE.

Governor Kennedy will, no doubt, see the propriety before long of reorganizing several of the Departments of Government. Amongst those offices, however, which cry most loudly for reform, the Post Office stands pre-eminent. As it exists at present, it is a perfect anachronism. Its *modus operandi* belongs to a period far back in postal history, when the halting stage and the sailing packet were the quickest means of conveyance, and when letters were scarcer than bank-notes. Like many other imperfect machines, this institution gives way at the very moment when it is most required. During the greater portion of the lucifer between the arrival of the California steamers, the postal business of the colony is reduced to a very small affair indeed and the public feel but little inconvenience from the imperfect manner in which that business is conducted. So soon, however, as the steamer arrives, and for three or four days following, the Post Office is thronged with an ever increasing multitude, who come and go continuously during office hours, blocking up the pathway, wasting their valuable time, and testing their patience to an extent that certainly speaks wonders for their Christian resignation.

There is really no necessity for this state of things. The Post Office is actually contributing to the revenue of the country, after paying its own expenses; its business is increasing, and the demand for private boxes is greater than the supply. The number of letters now received is in the vicinity of 15,000 a year; the amount mailed outward about 20,000. By express the outward mail reaches close to 14,000; the inward express, (for which we receive nothing) about 13,000. The private boxes, which run between seventy-five and eighty, contribute during the year, on the average \$750, which added to \$2,450, the amount, according to present approximation, of the yearly postage, gives us \$3,200, leaving a very good margin over the expenses. This is exceedingly satisfactory for an infant colony, so far as the "paying" nature of the department goes; but the loss of public time we are afraid will change this debtor and creditor account very materially.

We might take a few days after, and including, the day on which the California steamer arrives, and we guarantee the loss of the public time, through the present inefficient system in the post-office, will amount at the lowest computation to a much greater sum than that received by the postal department, from both the incoming and outgoing mails.

This is anything but creditable. Both the public time and the public patience might be dealt with much more economically. Instead of keeping men waiting on the street for hours on the arrival of every mail, an arrangement might be easily devised that would enable the great bulk of them to ascertain whether there were letters for them or not, without getting into line and undergoing the tedious process of advancing towards the window at the rate of the hour-hand on a town clock.

We have said that the demand for private boxes is greater than the supply; but the worst feature in this case is that the supply is exceedingly limited, on account of the want of space in the building. Any change, therefore, that aims at improvement must commence in this quarter. It is necessary to have room for at least three or four hundred boxes. One hundred of these might be retained under arrangements similar to those at present existing. The other two or three hundred should be small compartments merely, without keys, at a low monthly rental.

Few of the latter, we are convinced, would remain long unrented. The holder of such a box, instead of wasting his time before the post-office, oftentimes fruitlessly, would see at a glance if there were any letters for him. Should his box contain anything, he would merely have to call on its number to the clerk or postmaster. The advantage of this arrangement, besides increasing the postal revenue upwards of \$1,000 a year, would enable the present staff to do their work efficiently. At present, on the arrival of the steamer, they have the task of Hercules on their hands, and it is no unusual thing for newspapers to be unfilled by general delivery fully three days after the receipt of the mail.

The time of the clerks at present is principally taken up in going over the heaps of letters again and again for parties whose names are not in the mail. Of course it takes generally much more time to look for these imaginary letters, than for those that can be found. The arrangement therefore, that we have pointed out, would, while diminishing the bundle to be looked over at every call at the window, also save numbers from troubling the clerks at all. There would be then some chance given to the recipient of a letter to reply by the same mail an opportunity which is now almost impossible.

BRITANNIA
Quartz Mining Company.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the rooms of the Stock and Exchange Board Government street, on **WEDNESDAY** next, the 6th of April, at 2 P.M. for the purpose of letting the necessary steps to be taken by the Company incorporated, and for the transaction of other business, in pursuance of the order of the Board of Directors.

By order of the Board of Directors,
L. NEL VARICAS, Secretary.

CONSIGNEE'S NOTICE.
THE BARK FRANCIS PALM, of Lamb, from San Francisco, will commence discharging this morning at 7 A.M. at the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf, under the management of Mr. J. H. THAIN, who will be pleased to receive orders for their goods. All goods left on the wharf after 5 P.M. will be stored at the risk and expense of the owner.

PICKETT & CO.
BLUE LEAD

Silver Mining Company.
GENERAL MEETING OF THE Shareholders of the above Company will be held on **FRIDAY**, the 2nd of April, at 2 P.M. for the purpose of letting the necessary steps to be taken by the Company incorporated, and for the transaction of other business, in pursuance of the order of the Board of Directors.

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SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.

Two Lectures

ON THE—

SEARCH FOR SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.

WILL BE DELIVERED BY

David Walker, Esq., M. D., F. L. S., &c

IN THE THEATRE,

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings,

5TH AND 7TH APRIL,

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE

ROYAL HOSPITAL!

Lectures to begin at 8 P.M.

ADMISSION—Reserved Seats and Stalls, \$1 50

Or to both Lectures, 75

Body of the Theatre, 50

Boxes, 100

TICKETS may be had at Messrs. Hibben & Carr, 100

Seats reserved at the Box Office on Monday and Tuesday

The Bentinck Arm and Fraser River Road Company Limited.

In the matter of the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856, and "1867". The Joint Stock Companies Amendment Act, 1859, and the Vancouver Island Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860, and of the Bentinck Arm and Fraser River Road Company Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for the winding up of the above named company by the Supreme Court of this Colony in Chancery, was on the Thirtieth day of March instant, presented to His Honor David CAMPBELL, Esq., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island, a contributor to, and shareholder of the said company; and the said petition is directed to be heard before His Honor the Chief Justice, on THURSDAY the Sixth day of April, 1864; and any person desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding up of the said Company under the said Acts, should appear at the time of hearing, by himself or his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any contributor of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Messrs. Parkes and Green, of Reid's Block, Wharf Street, Victoria, are the solicitors for the petitioner.

PEARKE & GREEN,

Lot 16, Block L.

TOGETHER WITH THE

SAW MILL,

MACHINERY,

APPURTENANCES,

AND—

Policy of Insurance.

Size of Lot and Inventory of Machinery hereafter.

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GARDEN SEEDS.

CURTIS & MOORE

Have just received by Express, from the

SHAKERS' GARDEN, NEW YORK.

A large supply of

Fresh Garden Seeds,

GRASS SEEDS,

AND—

FLOWER SEEDS!

And a variety of

TOBACCO SEEDS!

These Seeds are guaranteed to be of last year's growth.

For sale by

CURTIS & MOORE,

Druggists, Yates street.

At Private Sale.

THE RESTAURANT AND HOTEL ON

Johnson street, known as the LOUISIANA, containing eleven Parlor Rooms, with Crochery and everything complete in the Restaurant. Rent, \$10 per month. A good opportunity for a man with some capital.

Apply to

J. A. McCREA,

Wharf street

REDUCTION

In Price of Wood.

THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATE

of the roads enables us to offer, in lots to suit our customers.

At greatly reduced prices, delivered at an hours notice, free of charge.

Victoria Coal and Lumber Company.

JOHN T. LITTLE,

City Wharf.

H. M. NEWHALL & CO.,

Auctioneers and Commission Merchants.

SALESROOM—Fire-proof Brick Building, corner Sanson and Halsey streets, San Francisco, Cal.

REGULAR SALE DAYS.

Monday's and Thursday's—Catalogue Sale Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Hardware, Fancy Goods, &c

Wednesday's—Catalogue Sale of Dry Goods, Silks, Embroideries, Fancy Goods, &c.

Friday's—Merchants of Victoria wishing to ship goods for sale in the San Francisco Market can get all the necessary information in regard to rates, &c., on application to

J. A. McCREA,

Wharf street.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In Re. George Walsh Hodgkinson; } Bankrupt.

John Namath. } Solicitors to Bankrupts.

THESE PETITIONERS, HAVING

fully passed their last examination, notice is hereby given that Wednesday, the 6th day of April next, is the day appointed for the final examination, and that they will attend at the Court House, James Bay, on the said 6th day of April next, at 12 o'clock at noon to pass their last examination, and make application for their discharge.

J. A. McCREA,

Wharf street.

SEED WAREHOUSE.

NO. 5, FORT STREET.

JAY & CO.

[NOTE: INSPECTION OF THE UN-

finished stock of

ISLAND GROWN AND IMPORTED

Agricultural,

GARDEN AND FLOWER

SEEDS

Which they are now offering for sale at the above address.

CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

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City of Victoria

Stock & Share Exchange

NOTICE.

GENTLEMEN WISHING TO HAVE

their names enrolled as members of the City of Victoria Stock and Share Exchange, are requested to call at the office of the Secretary on or before SATURDAY next, the 2nd of April, after which date an entrance fee will be charged.

J. H. FITZ,

Port St. between Langley and Wharf streets, Victoria, March 29, 1864.

Notice.

Bark "SPEEDWELL," from London.

THIS SHIP WILL BEGIN

discharging THIS MORNING at 10 o'clock, and will not be taken away until 5 o'clock, P.M. each day, will be stored at the expense and risk of the Owners.

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,

Consignees.

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COMMERCIAL.

Auction Sales to-day.
DANIEL SCOTT & Co., will sell, at 11 o'clock a.m., the following, ex Sea Snake, Brandy, Rum, Whisky, Gin, Port, Sherry, Porter, Ale, Cider, &c.
J. A. McCREA will sell, at 11 o'clock, a.m., at Salehouse, Wharf street, Chateaux, Iron, Brass, Silver, &c. also Groceries, Canned Goods, Salt, Green Peas in Tins, Prunes, Raisins, Soap, Beans, Gunny Sacks, &c.
J. P. DAVIES & Co., will sell, at 11 o'clock, a.m., at Salehouse, Wharf street, Clothing, Shirts, Ostriches, Jumpers, India Rubber Goods, Underclothing, Fancy and Dry Goods, Blankets, Hosiery, &c.

DUNCAN & GEORGE will sell, at 11 o'clock, a.m., at Salehouse, Wharf street, Napoleons, Gallia, Blushers, Wellingtons, Balmorals; also Clothing, Do, Tweed, Pile, Yests, Beavers, also Saddlery, Carpets, Dining Table, Books, Glassware, Mirrors, &c.

THE SKEWHEEL.—This craft floated off from the wharf yesterday morning at 12.30, with the assistance of the Otter, which was moored near by to haul her off the flood tide. She was towed to the wharf, and taken to the Otter, Campbell and Co.'s wharf, where she is now discharging.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The bark Frances Palmer, Capt. Lamb, anchored in the Roads yesterday morning, 12 days from San Francisco. She brings 8 passengers and a miscellaneous cargo, valued at \$31,057, consigned to Messrs. Pickett & Co., and will commence discharging this morning at the H. B. Co.'s wharf.

FROM THE NORTH COAST.—The schooner Lord Raglan returned yesterday from Fort Rupert, a.s., having been away some months on a trading trip. She brings a considerable quantity of furs.

FROM NANKATO.—The steamship Otter sailed for Nankato yesterday at 2.30 p.m.

FROM ST. JUAN.—Schooner Thornley arrived from St. Juan with one passenger.

STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD

Hope, 2 shares, sold at \$22. 1/2.
Garibaldi, 50 shares, sold at \$17. 1/2. r. w.
Do 100 shares, sold at \$14. 1/2. r. w.
Corbett, 10 shares, sold at \$2. 1/2. r. w.
Do 50 shares, sold at \$2. 1/2. r. w.
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Queen Charlotte, 302 asked, \$35 offered.
Skidgate, 912 asked, \$11 offered.
British, 81 shares, sold at \$2. 1/2. r. w.
Sangster, \$12 asked, \$30. 5/8 offered.
Moore, \$12 asked, \$30. 5/8 offered.
American, \$3 asked, 75c offered.

MEMORANDA.

PER FRANCES PALMER.—Left San Francisco March 17th, at night, spoke the Am ship, Lat 12, 12 days from New York, long 124, w. lat 38. She sent a boat along for papers. Capt. Lamb reports having been in the Gulf of Mexico, heavy gales from N.W. the entire passage. Off Cape Flattery on the 12th, encountered a strong southerly gale, and had to lay the ship to for 12 hours.

CONSIGNEES.

PER FRANCES PALMER from San Francisco—W. H. Chamberlain & Co., Joseph Taylor & Co., James Taylor, J. H. Beckman, John Davey, S. Chapman.

IMPORTS.

Per ship JOHN THORNTON from Port Angeles—35,000 feet lumber. Value \$422.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

EXTENDED.
March 30—Bk Frances Palmer, Lamb, San Francisco.

CLEARED.
March 30—Stmr Mary Woodruff, Swan, Port Angeles.

MARRIED.

At the Rev. A. D. Pringle, Edgway, Edgway, Esq., in the British Consulate, at June Shaw Moor, eldest daughter of the late Stratton Moor, Esq., of "Dehinde," Ambegomah, Ceylon, and daughter of Thomas Glenzie Esq., of Victoria, British Columbia.

DIED.

In this city, March 30th, 1864, Mrs. Susan Eliza Baker, aged 22 years.
Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the deceased, at No. 21, St. 2nd St.

On Wednesday, 30th March, at 10 o'clock, a.m., Miss Margaret O'Brien, aged 10 years, a native of New Orleans, La.

Her funeral will take place on Friday, April 1st, at 9 o'clock a.m., from the residence of her father-in-law Mr. H. McCann, at Fort St. George, where the friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Portland, Oregon and New Orleans papers will pass copies.

SOMEWHAT QUEER.

VICTORIA, March 30.
Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—As you must be better acquainted than outsiders with the internal arrangements of the printing offices in this city, can you explain the meaning of the words "Gold Coast"—Ed. CHRONICLE.

Which I find in the report given this evening by the Express, of the Governor's reply to the address from the Pioneer Rifle Company, that now that they have been an untellable jumble of absurd blunders, but I never heard of the Editor of any journal not knowing the name of his own paper. The only way I can account for the mistake is by supposing that the Editor of the Chronicle, in his production was borrowed from the Chronicle, and yet it is hardly credible that either paper could lend itself to anything so damaging. Does it mean that we are to have a re-hash of the same news in the Chronicle, or a re-hash of the same news in the Pioneer Rifle Company's paper?

[The mutual exchange of columns of type which has for some time past been carried on between the Chronicle and the evening paper, has enabled the readers of those journals to enjoy the benefit of novelty and variety, which no doubt fully appreciate. This close intimacy would now seem to have culminated in the assumption of the entire management of the latter by the Editor of the former, judging from the parenthetical paragraph alluded to.—Ed.]

AGRICULTURE IN THIS SETTLEMENTS.—A large canoe which sailed for Comox yesterday took up, among a lot of groceries, some fruit trees, &c., a considerable quantity of potatoes for sale to the Indians, a striking instance of the laziness and improvidence of the aborigines, and also very flattering to the energy of the settlers. As we have generally understood that potatoes grow so plentifully and of such good quality in all the coast settlements that it was like carrying coals to Newcastle to transport supplies of the vegetable to a place where we have had the anomaly may be accounted for by supposing that the settlers' crops were stolen by the predatory Snashes.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.—The funds of this benevolent institution are likely to be increased by the delivery of two lectures by Dr. Walker, on the Search for Sir John Franklin, on Tuesday and Thursday next. The mystery which for a long time hung on the fate of this distinguished explorer was solved by the expedition in which the late Sir John Franklin took part for a grant account of the search for Franklin and his companions.

ASSAULT.—William Hilliard and William Bracken were yesterday brought before the Police Magistrate charged with assaulting James Doude. The charges were both dismissed.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ADDRESS.—The minister and members of the Church of Scotland in this city, presented a congratulatory address to His Excellency Governor Kennedy, yesterday.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The first meeting of the Executive Council under the new regime will be held to-day in the government building.

SEASON EXAMINATION.—All persons interested in educational matters should attend the final examination of Mr. Joseph's Central School to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

VALUABLE COPPER LEAD.—Yesterday afternoon a special messenger arrived in town from the Garibaldi mine, who announced that an enormously rich lead of grey copper ore three feet thick had been struck out in the mine, and that the lease was in the company's hands.

THE FALKLAND ISLAND TREASURE.—We learn that another expedition has started from San Francisco to make a second attempt at finding the treasure supposed to have been deposited by pirates in a vault on one of the Falkland Islands. Mr. Archibald is in charge of the party. Wegener, the Danish geologist, accompanies them again. It appears that the funds for making the expedition are raised by the sale of shares, and the shareholders are chiefly those who fitted out the bark Frances Palmer last April twelvemonth.

The party will proceed via Panama, from whence they will make their way to Buenos Ayres, and thence to the Falkland Islands, where they will search for the treasure as high as \$50, so it looks as if someone persons believed in it.

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THE PIONEER RIFLE COMPANY.

The Victoria Pioneer Rifle Company proceeded yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, to the government buildings, to present an address to His Excellency Governor Kennedy.

The men were in full uniform, and made a rather creditable appearance, the band of the company playing vigorously as they marched through the streets. His Excellency came forward, and was received with a military salute. A. H. Frances then read the address, which is as follows:

To His Excellency Arthur Edward Kennedy, O. B.
May it please Your Excellency:
We, the members of the Victoria Pioneer Rifle Company, beg leave to express our thankfulness and gratification at the safe arrival of your Excellency and family, and our unaltered devotion to the person and government of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Our only regret is, that in the general rejoicing over your Excellency's arrival, we were precluded, on account of an anti-English prejudice against our color, from the honor of being present in person, in the procession as a military company—a company whose highest aim is to be of service to Her Majesty, and whose greatest privilege is to be Her Majesty's most loyal subjects.

To your Excellency's predecessor, Sir James Douglas, is due the organization of this company, which, with all its imperfections, is at least the only representative of the British volunteer element in this colony. We hope, under your Excellency's administration, no occasion may arise requiring our military services; if, however, the time should come when internal or external dangers should threaten the country, we hope to prove by deeds that the arms we carry are in no unworthy hands, and that the allegiance we owe to Her Majesty we are ready with our lives to pay.

It is to us a source of extreme satisfaction to know that your Excellency's sentiments agree with that basis upon which the greatness of the British law is built—the non-recognition of distinction in class, creed, color, or race. We are glad to see that you have your own grant Curran so eloquent an expounder in deeds gone by, and which have placed Great Britain in the van of liberty, Christianity and civilization.

We have the honor to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servants,
R. H. JOYNSON, Captain.

(Signed on behalf of the Company.)
His Excellency in reply expressed his thanks for the loyal address contained in the address. As to the exclusion at the procession, he hoped they were laboring under a misapprehension. It would be, he said, affectionate on his part were he to seem ignorant of the prejudice which existed in this colony. They were, however, from the instructions he had received from Her Majesty's government, and from his own sentiments already expressed, that no distinction could be made in class, color or religion. They might not be aware of the fact, that he had governed a colony in which there were but one-third white men—all the rest being colored. The Chief Justice was colored, the Colonial Secretary was colored, and the clergyman who officiated, and his (the Governor's) education, was also colored. He had learned since his arrival in Victoria that there were amongst the colored population men as respectable as some of any other class in the community, and who were quite as capable of discharging the social ladder. He, however, was not disposed to take up sides in this matter of prejudice, but rather to act as a mediator, and he would enjoin on the colored population to be patient, and to wait until the day when, with this prejudice, and they would ultimately live it down, as all groundless prejudices could be lived down. They would be the better men for overcoming the struggle; and he trusted that the struggle would ultimately produce the best of qualities in man. He knew from his long experience of the race, they were a sensitive people, perhaps too sensitive; but when he looked at the treatment they had received in the colonies, he could not but sympathize with them. He could not but sympathize with them, but he was not natural that they should be so. It was, however, a matter of surprise to him, that in an English community like this, a prejudice should exist against a colored man. To influence from the sister colonies, he could not but sympathize with them, but he was not natural that they should be so. It was, however, a matter of surprise to him, that in an English community like this, a prejudice should exist against a colored man.

His Excellency was cheered most vociferously, and the band struck up the National Anthem; after which, the Rifle Company proceeded homeward, no doubt heartily rejoiced at the sentiments to which they had just listened.

SOMEWHAT QUEER.

VICTORIA, March 30.
Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—As you must be better acquainted than outsiders with the internal arrangements of the printing offices in this city, can you explain the meaning of the words "Gold Coast"—Ed. CHRONICLE.

Which I find in the report given this evening by the Express, of the Governor's reply to the address from the Pioneer Rifle Company, that now that they have been an untellable jumble of absurd blunders, but I never heard of the Editor of any journal not knowing the name of his own paper. The only way I can account for the mistake is by supposing that the Editor of the Chronicle, in his production was borrowed from the Chronicle, and yet it is hardly credible that either paper could lend itself to anything so damaging. Does it mean that we are to have a re-hash of the same news in the Chronicle, or a re-hash of the same news in the Pioneer Rifle Company's paper?

[The mutual exchange of columns of type which has for some time past been carried on between the Chronicle and the evening paper, has enabled the readers of those journals to enjoy the benefit of novelty and variety, which no doubt fully appreciate. This close intimacy would now seem to have culminated in the assumption of the entire management of the latter by the Editor of the former, judging from the parenthetical paragraph alluded to.—Ed.]

AGRICULTURE IN THIS SETTLEMENTS.—A large canoe which sailed for Comox yesterday took up, among a lot of groceries, some fruit trees, &c., a considerable quantity of potatoes for sale to the Indians, a striking instance of the laziness and improvidence of the aborigines, and also very flattering to the energy of the settlers. As we have generally understood that potatoes grow so plentifully and of such good quality in all the coast settlements that it was like carrying coals to Newcastle to transport supplies of the vegetable to a place where we have had the anomaly may be accounted for by supposing that the settlers' crops were stolen by the predatory Snashes.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.—The funds of this benevolent institution are likely to be increased by the delivery of two lectures by Dr. Walker, on the Search for Sir John Franklin, on Tuesday and Thursday next. The mystery which for a long time hung on the fate of this distinguished explorer was solved by the expedition in which the late Sir John Franklin took part for a grant account of the search for Franklin and his companions.

ASSAULT.—William Hilliard and William Bracken were yesterday brought before the Police Magistrate charged with assaulting James Doude. The charges were both dismissed.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ADDRESS.—The minister and members of the Church of Scotland in this city, presented a congratulatory address to His Excellency Governor Kennedy, yesterday.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The first meeting of the Executive Council under the new regime will be held to-day in the government building.

SEASON EXAMINATION.—All persons interested in educational matters should attend the final examination of Mr. Joseph's Central School to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

VALUABLE COPPER LEAD.—Yesterday afternoon a special messenger arrived in town from the Garibaldi mine, who announced that an enormously rich lead of grey copper ore three feet thick had been struck out in the mine, and that the lease was in the company's hands.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, March 30, 1864.

Present, The Hon. the Chief Justice, The Hon. the Attorney General, and the Hon. the Treasurer.

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS' BILL.
The Hon. the Attorney General said with regard to the barristers and attorneys' bill, he had not received notice until two hours after the last meeting of the Council, he therefore moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee, as he was then prepared to put certain amendments.

The Hon. the Chief Justice said that the consideration of the bill should be postponed until the next meeting of the Council, as he himself wished to move an amendment, that attorneys and solicitors from the colonies be placed upon the same footing as barristers, provided they could show that they were properly qualified.

The Attorney General said that notices should be given at the previous sitting of such amendments, he had given notice when the Hon. Mr. Finlayson was present, but he should therefore move that the bill be recommitted at the next sitting. Agreed to.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.
The Chief Justice moved that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Colonial Secretary, and ascertain when His Excellency will be prepared to receive an address from the Council. Agreed to.

THE GOVERNOR'S INSTRUCTIONS.
The Chief Justice gave notice of motion for an address to His Excellency the Governor, that he will be pleased to furnish a copy to the Council of Her Majesty's instructions to the Governor, and also of the terms of the administration of the government of this colony.

BANK NOTE BILL.
Third reading postponed, the bill not having been engrossed.

TELEGRAPH BILL.
Was read a second time.

SUPPLY.
The bill for the appropriation of a sum of \$25,000, for the service of the year 1864, passed a second reading.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF BANKS BILL.
Passed a second reading.

